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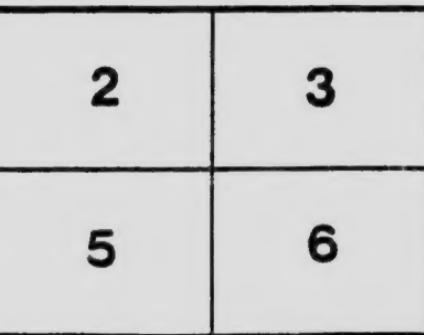
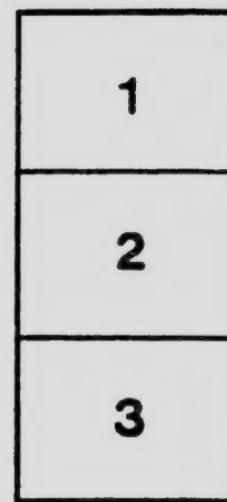
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# BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY OF FINE ARTS.



## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

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### I.—NAME AND LOCATION.

The name of this Institution shall be "The British Columbia Society of Fine Arts," with headquarters in Vancouver.

### II.- OBJECTS.

The objects of the Society shall be: The promotion and advancement of art in British Columbia, and the maintenance of the honor and interests of the professions of painters, sculptors, architects, artistic engravers, and draughtsman-designers.

### III.—MEMBERSHIP.

(1) The Society shall consist of not more than forty members, and, in addition, Life Members and Honorary Members.

(2) Life Members shall be elected at the annual meeting on the recommendation of the Executive Council.

(3) Honorary Members shall be elected by the Executive Council.

(4) Members shall be Painters, Sculptors, Architects, Artistic Engravers, or Draughtsman-designers.

(5) Exhibitors may become members only by invitation of the Executive Council.

(6) Members shall pay an annual subscription of Five Dollars. Honorary and Life Members shall be exempted from all fees.

(7) Any Member who has failed to submit works for the Annual Exhibition for two successive years, shall cease to be a member.

#### IV.—PATRONS.

Any person paying an annual subscription of five dollars to the funds of the Society shall be constituted a Patron and shall be entitled to such privileges as the Society may from time to time arrange.

#### V.—OFFICERS.

(1) The Officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and an Executive Council of five members who shall be elected annually from among the members.

~~(2) Neither the President nor the Vice-President shall hold office for two successive years.~~

(3) It shall be the duty of the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, to preside at all meetings, but if both be absent, a Chairman shall be chosen from among the members present.

(4) The President and Vice-President shall, unless excluded by resolution, be ex-officio members of all committees.

(5) The Secretary-Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the Society. The funds shall be deposited in a chartered bank or banks

of the Province, and only paid out by cheque signed by him and the President or Vice-President. He shall perform all the duties usual to his office.

#### VI.—EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

(1) The Executive Council shall have power to appoint any necessary sub-committees.

(2) They shall be empowered to fill any vacancy on the Council until the next Annual General Meeting.

(3) They shall have power to hold meetings and conduct all business in connection with the Society's work and objects other than those which belong to the General Meetings.

(4) They shall pass accounts and give instructions for the payment of the same.

(5) They shall administer and regulate the exhibitions.

#### VII.—SELECTION COMMITTEE.

There shall be a Selection Committee, consisting of three or more members, who shall be appointed by the Executive Council, whose duty it shall be to choose works by non-members submitted for exhibition, and also those submitted by members exceeding the number of five.

#### VIII.—AUDITOR.

An Auditor shall be elected, who shall audit the accounts and report thereon for the Annual Meeting of each year.

#### IX.—MEETINGS.

(1) The Annual Meeting for the election of officers, the Executive Council, and new mem-

bers, and for the transaction of general business, shall be held during the month of May.

(2) The Executive Council shall have power to call special general meetings at any time for the election of new members or any other business.

#### X.—ELECTIONS.

All elections shall be by ballot, except at elections of officers when there may be no alternative candidate, when they may be by acclamation.

#### XI.—PROXIES.

Members who do not reside in Vancouver may vote at elections by proxy. They may also have the privilege of recording their opinion with regard to any subject coming before the Society on which the Society determines to take a plebiscite, a form for such purpose being forwarded to them by the Secretary-Treasurer which they shall return to him or to the President, with an affirmative or negative reply.

#### XII.—ANNUAL EXHIBITION.

The Annual Exhibition shall be held at a date to be fixed by the Executive Council, and shall consist of original works by members, life-members, honorary members, and non-members, which have not been publicly exhibited in the City of Vancouver.

## BY-LAWS.

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### I.—NOTICES OF MEETING.

Written notices shall be sent by the Secretary-Treasurer to all members, of the time and place of each General Meeting, sufficiently in advance of the time to enable them to attend, and such notices shall indicate the business to be considered.

### II.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of business at meetings shall be as follows:—

1. Signing of names by members present in book kept for that purpose.
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
3. Reading of minutes of Executive Council.
4. Correspondence read and considered.
5. Accounts.
6. New Members proposed.
7. Reports of Committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. General business.
11. Election of Officers.
12. Election of members.

### III.—QUORUM.

(1) At meetings of the Society for the transaction of ordinary business, seven members shall be a quorum.

(2) At meetings of the Executive Council, three shall be a quorum.

(3) At meetings of committees, three shall be a quorum.

#### IV.—ADMISSION.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall notify each candidate of his or her admission as a member of the Society, sending a copy of the Constitution and By-laws, and on receipt of fee for the current year, the name of the candidate shall be placed on the roll.

#### V.—DEFAULTING MEMBERS.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall, if possible, notify any member who has not sent works to the Annual Exhibition, and call his attention to Clause 7 of Article III of the Constitution.

#### VI.—EXHIBITIONS.

(1) All members (including honorary or life members) shall be entitled to exhibit five works at the annual exhibition of the Society.

(2) Any works exceeding the number of five and not exceeding ten, submitted by members for the annual exhibition, shall be subject to the decision of the Selection Committee.

(3) Non-members shall not submit more than five works for exhibition, subject to selection by the Committee of Selection.

(4) A commission of ten per cent. shall be charged on the price of all sales of members' works effected at such exhibition, and fifteen per cent. on sales of works by non-members.

(5) The Society will not hold itself responsible for any injury which works of art

accidentally sustain, by fire or otherwise, while in the Society's possession.

(6) No person shall be permitted to enter the place of exhibition while it is in charge of the Committee of Selection.

#### **ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION OR BY-LAWS.**

The Constitution and By-laws may be altered at a special meeting of the Society called for that purpose, when approved by a two-thirds majority of the members present, notice of the proposed alteration having been given at a previous meeting of the Executive Council and stated in a circular which the members shall receive at least one month before the special meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

Vancouver, B. C.,

September 22, 1915.

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